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FOR EAGLEBURGER FROM THE SECRETARY

REF: STATE 178322

1. I WANT YOU TO CALL DINITZ, OR IN HIS ABSENCE SHALEV, RIGHT AWAY ABOUT THEIR REPLY (REFTEL). YOU SHOULD MAKE THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

2. THE MESSAGE WE SENT TO THE ISRAELIS WAS FROM THE PRESIDENT, NOT FROM ME. WHILE I AM OF COURSE PREPARED TO PASS THEIR RELLY ALONG TO THE PRESIDENT, I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHETHER THEY WOULD LIKE TO MODIFY IT FIRST, OR WHETHER I SHOULD REPRESENT IT AS A REPLY FROM PRIME MINISTER RABIN TO THE PRESIDENT.

3. NEITHER THE PRESIDENT NOR I NEED LECTURES ON THE MECHANICS OF DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENTS.

4. THE PERSISTENT REPORTS IN THE ISRAELI PAPERS MAKE IT CLEAR THAT SOME SUBSTANTIVE BRIEFINGS ON THE EGYPTIAN POSITION ARE TAKING PLACE. SPECIFICALLY, THE PRESIDENT'S ATTENTION HAD BEEN DRAWN TO A JERUSALEM BROADCAST WHICH CORRECTLY STATED THE EGYPTIAN POSITION IN THE TALKS. IT IS AN INADEQUATE RESPONSE TO ASSERT
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THAT THE BROADCAST WAS THE PRODUCT OF "MERE SPECULATION."

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5. THE ISRAELI PAPERS HAVE COMPOUNDED THE PROBLEM BY SUBSTANTIVELY DESCRIBING THE NATURE OF OUR DEMARCHE TO EGYPT, WHICH THEY COULD ONLY HAVE ACQUIRED FROM CABINET SOURCES.

6. YOU SHOULD TELL THE ISRAELIS THAT WE HAVE MADE TO THE EGYPTIANS THE SAME POINT ABOUT THE NEED FOR CARE AND CALM IN ALL OFFICIAL AND PUBLIC STATEMENTS. IF THE TALKS ARE TO CONTINUE PROGRESSING, BOTH SIDES WILL HAVE TO EXERCISE RESTRAINT IN THEIR STATEMENTS.

7. WE ARE SOMEWHAT SURPRISED BY THE ISRAELI ASSERTION THAT THE EGYPTIANS ARE MAKING EFFORTS AT THE OAU TO HAVE ISRAEL SUSPENDED FROM THE UN, AND CALL ATTENTION TO PRESIDENT SADAT'S STATEMENT THAT ISRAEL SHOULD REMAIN IN THE UN.

8. FINALLY, WE WISH TO NOTE AGAIN THAT THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT WAS NOT BLAMELESS IN THE UNEF MATTER, SINCE STATEMENTS ABOUT STRETCHING OUT THE NEGOTIATIONS PLAYED A ROLE IN THIS DECISION.

9. YOU SHOULD IMPRESS ON DINITZ THAT THE ISRAELIS SHOULD NOT MISTAKE THE SERIOUSNESS WITH WHICH THE PRESIDENT VIEWS ALL OF THE ABOVE MATTERS. OUR CONTINUED ROLE IN THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS IS PREDICATED ON SERIOUS, RESPONSIBLE BEHAVIOR ON ALL SIDES.
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